

RESOLUTION #2010-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VOLGA, IOWA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN I-JOBS APPLICATION TO THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY TO LEVERAGE FUNDS RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF VOLGA, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of VOLGA, Iowa experienced 1999, 2004, 2008 and July 2010 flood damage to the Volga River Levee ;and

WHEREAS, following the events of 1999, 2004, and 2008, the City worked with the Corps to define the problems, evaluate repairs and improvements that could mitigate future flooding and preserve the Volga dike; and

WHEREAS, the study determined that the Volga levee sustained scour sections developing in the dike at the outer bend on the west side of the river and riprap should be installed to maintain proper dike/levee function; and

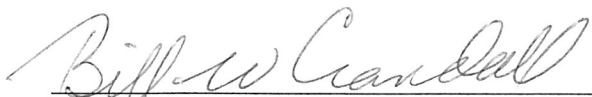
WHEREAS, the Total Estimated Cost for the repair is \$ 17850.⁰²; further, the City will commit to the matching funds of \$ 1785.⁰⁰ necessary to complete the repair work of this project; and

WHEREAS, the IJOBS program requires applicants to provide evidence of Local Support for the proposed project, including the submission of an official resolution from the applicant authorizing the submission of the I-Jobs application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Volga, Iowa as follows:

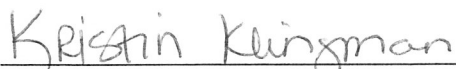
1. The City Council supports and endorses this I-Jobs application; and
2. The City of Volga, Iowa will commit to the funding balance required; and
3. Authorizes appropriate public officials to submit this application on or before August 2, 2010.

Passed and approved this 30 day of July, 2010



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

VOLGA CITY

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Mayor: Bill Crandall Pro-Tem: J. Elaine Follon Council Members: Tom Bading, Peter Duff, Tracy Follon, Jennifer Klingman
Kristin Klingman, City Clerk Vic Haynes, Maintenance Dennis O'Brien, Water & Sewer Superintendent

July 27, 2010

To Whom It May Concern;

I write this letter in support of the grant application for the City of Volga, Iowa due to the need to maintain the current levee structure along the Volga River.

We are in an interesting quandary having levees on both the south and east sides of our town. The fact that we may not own, but are expected to maintain said structures makes for an even more interesting situation.

The responsibility for maintenance that falls to us means that any mitigation measures to ensure the integrity of the levees is up to our city. Given that we are as a city government responsible to try and secure the safety of our residents we take the levee issues seriously.

In May of 1999 the levee was breached and also failed, and was subsequently rebuilt. Since that time we have had several near misses with a 2004 high water episode actually leaving a debris line on the top of the levee.

We continue to maintain the levee, following annual inspections from the Army Corps of Engineers. In 2004 we were advised of scouring issues that we responded to by installing rip rap on 439' of the levee, leveling the top to coincide with the fall of the river and installing six inches of lime chips on top of the levee to aid in maintenance, and as a walking trail. Following the extremely heavy rains of May and June of 2008 a representative of FEMA suggested that we install more rip rap downstream due to scouring issues further down on the levee past where the riprap was previously installed. The Corps suggested we reinstall additional lime chips on the top of the levee as well. Both of these items were completed in 2009 through the initial IJobs funding opportunity.

We are currently looking to install the final 450' of riprap to complete the riprap along the west side of the levee with funds from the IJobs II. This 450' will be installed upstream of the first two projects, from the Cass Street bridge to the point where the first riprap was installed. Once completed, the riprap will connect from the Cass Street Bridge to the Highway C2W Bridge. I have been in contact with the Army Corps regarding this project, and once again, we have been advised that 1) the damage does not meet their threshold for funding, and 2) there is no funding for mitigation projects. Essentially, we must wait for damage to occur before the Corps provides financial support.

I write this letter of support understanding the important role this levee plays in protecting the safety and health of our community.

Sincerely,



Bill W. Crandall

Mayor

Volga City, Iowa

Volga City Fire Department

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Volga, Iowa 52077

July 28, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter comes to you in response to the application by the City of Volga for IJobs funding to assist in improving the Volga dike system. This dike is important to our local fire department, as we continue to deal with high water and flooding events from the Volga River.

In the last ten (10) years we have had a major flood with complete dike failure on the Volga river dike (1999). In 2004 debris from upriver was deposited on the top of the river dike; and we again faced a near miss in 2008.

The Volga Fire Department is a volunteer force and has numerous responsibilities regarding the dike system, floods, and flood watches. These responsibilities include: sand bagging and placement, measurement of the river levels, dispatching information to other entities, traffic control, safety of community members, evacuation procedures, post flood clean-up, and dike grass/weed control.

The department documented 417 man hours during the flood threat of 2008; in 2004 we had 600 plus hours; and during the flood of 1999 there were more than 2000 man hours spent over a period of ten days to two weeks.

Maintenance and mitigation of the Volga Dike will do a number of positive things for the City of Volga, including:

- reduce the chance of personal and property damage
- reduce the stress level of fire fighters and community members during flood threats
- release fire fighters for other duties and/or disasters that might occur

Respectfully submitted,



John Friedley, Fire Chief

Volga Fire Department

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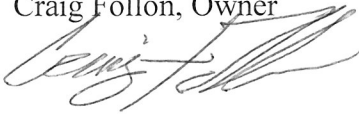
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It has been brought to our attention that there has been damage done to the dike from the recent high water.

In May of 1999 we received major loss and damage when the dike broke and flooded the town. We can't afford to go through that again.

It is imperative that the town maintain the dike so businesses and residents do not have to suffer that devastation again.

Craig Follon, Owner



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